

**U.S. District Court
Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03215-JPB**

Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc. v. United States
Department of Justice
Assigned to: Judge J. P. Boulee
Cause: 05:0552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/16/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/16/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (Filing fee \$400.00, receipt number AGANDC-8795019) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(eop) Please visit our website at http://www.gand.uscourts.gov/commonly-used-forms to obtain Pretrial Instructions and Pretrial Associated Forms which includes the Consent

		To Proceed Before U.S. Magistrate form. (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>2</u>	Electronic Summons Issued as to United States Department of Justice. (eop) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>3</u>	Electronic Summons Issued as to William P. Barr. (eop) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>4</u>	Electronic Summons Issued as to United States Attorney's Office. (eop) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>5</u>	Certificate of Interested Persons by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (eop) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>6</u>	Return of Service Executed by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. United States Department of Justice served on 7/23/2019, answer due 9/23/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Department of Justice, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Attorney NDGA)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File a Response re: <u>1</u> Complaint, with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/09/2019	<u>8</u>	ORDER granting <u>7</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time, through September 9, 2019, to file a responsive pleading to the Complaint. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 8/9/19. (ddm) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/20/2019	<u>9</u>	STANDING ORDER REGARDING CIVIL LITIGATION. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 8/20/19. (bnw) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File a Responsive Pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) Modified on 8/28/2019 to edit event type (bnp). (Entered: 08/28/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>11</u>	ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Responsive Pleading. Defendant shall be granted an extension of time to file a responsive pleading to the Complaint through and including November 11, 2019. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 8/28/19. (bnp) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>13</u>	ORDER granting the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time, through December 12, 2019, for Defendant to respond to <u>1</u> Plaintiff's Complaint. Because this is the third extension, it is unlikely that further extensions will be granted. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 11/12/19. (ddm) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
12/12/2019	<u>14</u>	<i>Defendant's</i> ANSWER to <u>1</u> COMPLAINT by United States Department of Justice. Discovery ends on 5/11/2020.(Williams, Samuel) Please visit our website at http://www.gand.uscourts.gov to obtain Pretrial Instructions. (Entered: 12/12/2019)
01/14/2020	<u>15</u>	JOINT PRELIMINARY REPORT AND DISCOVERY PLAN filed by United States Department of Justice. (Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 01/14/2020)
01/16/2020	<u>16</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER approving the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Preliminary Report and Discovery Plan. Per the request of the parties, there shall be no discovery in this case. The parties shall provide a joint status update to this Court no later than April 15, 2020. As part of that status update, the parties shall propose deadlines for dispositive motions. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 1/16/20. (ddm) (Entered: 01/16/2020)
03/20/2020	<u>17</u>	General Order 20-01 re: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 3/16/2020. (ddm) (Entered: 03/20/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>18</u>	Amended General Order 20-01 re COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA

		VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 3/30/20. (aaq) (ADI) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/15/2020	<u>19</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 04/15/2020)
04/16/2020		ORDER: In light of the public health emergency and for good cause shown, Defendant's <u>19</u> Unopposed Motion for a Stay is GRANTED. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all deadlines are stayed through and including June 15, 2020. On or before June 15, 2020, the parties shall provide the Court with a status update and proposed briefing schedule, if appropriate. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 4/16/20. (bnw) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
05/04/2020	<u>20</u>	SECOND AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 04/30/2020. (adg) (ADI) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
05/21/2020	<u>21</u>	Certification of Consent to Substitution of Counsel. Lisa D. Cooper replacing attorney Samuel Harrington Williams. (Cooper, Lisa) (Entered: 05/21/2020)
05/27/2020	<u>22</u>	THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 05/26/2020. (ddm) (ADI) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
06/15/2020	<u>23</u>	STATUS REPORT by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 06/15/2020)
06/15/2020	<u>24</u>	Joint MOTION for Order <i>Scheduling Briefing</i> by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 06/15/2020)
06/16/2020	<u>25</u>	ORDER granting <u>24</u> the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Briefing Schedule. The parties shall file cross motions for summary judgment no later than July 15, 2020. Responses to the motions shall be filed no later than August 6, 2020. Replies, if any, shall be filed no later than August 21, 2020. Signed by Judge J. P. Boulee on 6/16/2020. (ddm) (Entered: 06/17/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Anna Celia Howard on behalf of Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc. (Howard, Anna) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>27</u>	FOURTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 07/01/2020. (rvb) (ADI) (Entered: 07/02/2020)